



JULY 2006 INTERPRETIVE CALENDAR

HOPKINTON STATE PARK

Park Interpreter: Jennefer

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Program descriptions:

Wednesday
July 5th

BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS HIKE

8:00-10:30 am, Meet at the contact station

Enjoy a morning hike, searching for birds who call Hopkinton State Park their home. Top off the morning with a light camp style breakfast. Pre-sign up required. All ages welcome.

Thursday
July 6th

WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS!

1:00-3:00 pm, Meet at the boathouse

Are you a woman who has always wanted to fish? How about feeling comfortable building a campfire? Come join us in a fun, supportive environment geared towards assisting you in feeling empowered in the outdoors. This program includes activities such as outdoor cooking, gardening for wildlife, orienteering and many others. Women ages 14 and up, but all ages welcome.

Friday
July 7th

FUNGUS AMONG US

9:00-10:00 am, Meet at the contact station

Join us as we explore the forest floor and walls searching for wild mushrooms on July 7th. This program is for the beginning mushroom enthusiast and expert alike. Hope for rain the day before and we might find some elusive jelly fungi! All ages welcome

Friday
July 7th

POND ADVENTURE

2:00-3:30 pm, Meet at the Dogwood Drive area near the bridge to the dam

What is a macro-invertebrate? Why is it important to you? On Friday July 7th, this program will introduce you to the sights and sounds of the amazing world of frogs, toads, salamanders, and those funny things which are called invertebrates. This fun hour will be filled with games, pond exploration and a story about silly looking creatures living just below the pond's surface. Great for ages 5 and up, but all ages welcome.



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Tuesday
July 11th

LET'S TALK TURTLE

2:00-3:00 pm, Meet at the Dogwood Drive area near the bridge to the dam What animal has scales, long claws, a hard or soft shell, and is cold blooded? If you guessed a turtle, you're right! Learn about the habitat, range, and life cycle of the ten species of pond and mud turtles native to Massachusetts. Great for ages 5-12, but all ages are welcome.

Thursday
July 13th

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

10:00-12:00 pm, Meet at the boathouse

If you were stranded in the middle of the wilderness, could you survive? Come learn ways to survive different climates, conditions and environments in this jam packed program. Walk away from this program feeling confident in your ability to win the million dollars on 'Survivor'! Topics covered include orienteering, shelter building, safety in the outdoors, 'MacGyver' ideas, and much more. Ages 13 and above welcome.

Thursday
July 13th

NATURE GAMES

3:00-4:00 pm, Meet at the main beach bathhouse

Want to have some fun? Want to learn about the outdoors? Spend an hour making friends and learning about how things we do every day affect the natural world around us. This fun, active program will be held frequently throughout the summer. Great for ages 8-12, but all ages welcome.

Friday
July 14th

WHAT DOES AN OWL EAT?

10:00-11:30 pm, Meet at the main beach bathhouse

Owls swallow their prey whole, including fur and bones. However, they are not able to digest these materials so they regurgitate them. Each pellet often contains a skeleton of the animal the owl ate, usually mice, gophers and voles. Come join us as we dissect these pellets and try to reconstruct to uncover what was for dinner. Great for kids ages 8-12, but all ages welcome

Monday
July 17th

ART IN THE PARK

2:00-3:00 pm, Meet at the main beach bathhouse

Explore nature through art! The outdoors provides many resources to be creative. Learn to express your artistic side using local natural discoveries. Various activities will be held throughout the summer such as pet rocks, nature collages, mud painting and flower pressing. These fun hours will be filled with games, activities and a story about cool things that live in the Hopkinton woods. Come prepared on Monday July 17th to have some fun and be creative. (Please wear clothes to do crafts in.) Great for ages 5-12, but all ages welcome.

Thursday
July 20th

MASSACHUSETTS SNAKES

2:00-3:00 pm, Meet at the boathouse



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Come and learn all about these slithering Massachusetts friends. Do snakes blink? Why do they stick their tongues out? Do they have tails? What snakes are poisonous? Find out the answers to this and many more of your questions about these unique creatures on July 20th! This fun hour will be filled with games, activities and a story about these interesting reptiles. Great for ages 3-12, but all ages welcome.

Tuesday
July 25th

RAPTORS: HUNTING MACHINES

2:00-3:00 pm, Meet at the main beach bathhouse

What is that flying in the sky? Is it a plane? Is it a flying saucer? No, silly it is a raptor. Join us on July 25th as we learn why some birds are called raptors, and what it means to be a bird of prey. Great for ages 5 and up, but all ages welcome.

Wednesday
July 26th

CAMPFIRE

10:00-12:00 pm, Meet at the Split Rock Group area

What is gooey, sweet, warm and oh so good? Campfire S'mores! Come learn how to make the perfect smore, sing some songs, play some games, and learn about fire safety at this fun campfire time on July 26th! Great for ages 3-12, but all ages welcome.

Thursday
July 27th

GET THE SCOOP ON POOP

3:00-4:00 PM, Meet at Dogwood Drive area near the bridge to the dam

Get the fact on feces, the data on dung, and the scoop on animal poop. Join us on July 27th for this funny and fascinating program on all the things that you wish you knew about animal poop. Great for ages 5-12, but all ages welcome

Friday
July 28th

LET'S GET LOST!

10:00-11:30 am, Meet at the Main Beach bathhouse

So...you have a map, and you have a compass, but do you know how to use them if you needed to? Orienteering is often called the "thinking sport" because it involves map reading and decision-making in addition to a great workout! Come join us on July 28th and become experts at reading a map and using a compass to find your way! Ages 10 and up

Special events & Programs:

Thursday
July 27th

EARTHTUNES

2:00-3:00 pm, Meet in the field next to the main beach bathhouse

Earthtones is a unique and engaging blend of music, puppets and participation. This special event performance will include a variety of musical styles with combinations of piano, guitars, mandoline and viola. Barbara Herson, Steve Mayone, and Jim Gambino will provide a lively musical program that teaches about our planet's environment, solid waste and recycling, water conservation, wildlife



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and endangered species while placing a strong emphasis on caring for our environment. Earthtunes inspires children and adults to take an active role in caring for our planet. Come prepared to get involved, learn something, and have a GREAT time!

Friday
July 28th

FOREST AND PARKS ON WHEELS!

12:00-3:00 pm, Meet at the Main Beach bathhouse

Come join us on July 28th as Hopkinton State Park welcomes the unique traveling Forest and Parks on Wheels bus. This special vehicle is filled with so many things to see and do as they tour the state of Massachusetts. They will be here from 12:00-3:00 pm, but will be hosting several programs during that time. Come prepared to run around, have fun and learn so many cool things! All ages welcome.